

The Intelligencer.

The Message.
So much of our space is given up to the President's message this morning that it really seems superfluous and monotonous to add anything by the way of calling attention to its various disclosures, suggestions and recommendations. As Daniel Webster once said about the car wheels in a certain railroad case, "there they are gentlemen of the jury; test them for yourselves."
It is very apparent to people of ordinary intelligence that nobody writes (Grant's) messages but himself. If the accomplished Fish was to touch them up just a little with his disciplined pen they would doubtless be improved. As it is they must be read and appreciated for their matter and not for the graces of the style. The General should spend more of his leisure at Long Branch in reading up in standard English, and thus acquire at least some little flexibility in his manner of expressing himself on paper.
The most gratifying portion of the message is that in which he relieves the apprehensions of the country in reference to our relations with Spain on the Cuban question. The message is sound on the question of non-interference, and we can overlook the seeming unnecessary politeness of the discussion on that subject for the sake of the wholesome conclusions arrived at, which are that neither as a matter of right nor expediency would we be justified in interfering with Spain's relations to her colony.
Another feature of the message that will attract attention is that relating to the schools of the country. The ground taken is in part that taken by Mr. Blair, and is also a re-affirmation of the views expressed in the President's Des Moines speech some months ago. The country is in a humor, after the late extraordinary discussions in Ohio and New Jersey, to receive the President's recommendations in favor of prohibiting sectarian appropriations of school funds, with decided relief, but we have no idea that the present Congress will give them any serious attention.
Another reference in the message will also meet with popular favor, and that is to the propriety of laying some tax on the enormous and fast increasing accumulations of church property in this country. We present the spectacle to the world of a country burdened down with debt, public and private, and yet allowing religious corporations to hold as much as 50 acres in a great city like New York, free of all taxation. We refer not to Trinity or St. Paul, but to other religious corporations whose case was recently passed upon by the Supreme Court. The President estimates that as things are going we shall have in the year 1900 the incredible and almost incomprehensible amount of three thousand millions of dollars held in the hands of religious corporations.
These are all the features of the Message that we have space to comment upon this morning.

Meeting at Wellburg Last Night.
Our Wellburg correspondent sent us by last night's late train an interesting account of the railroad meeting held in the Court House at that place last night, which we are obliged to leave out on account of the President's Message trenching so largely on our space this morning. The meeting was addressed by the Hon. C. D. Hubbard, President of the P. W. & Ky. road, and was well attended. We judge by the questions propounded to Mr. Hubbard that very decided interest is felt up here in the result of to-morrow's vote. Our correspondent says that the questions asked were ably answered by Mr. Hubbard. One of them (by Mr. Lantz) was as to when, in case Wellburg voted to oppose \$10,000, operations would be commenced. To this Mr. Hubbard replied as follows: "We will proceed at once to make inquiries in regard to material. It will be necessary to consult with the authorities of Brooke and Ohio counties in reference to a transfer of their stock. Everything would be put in motion as fast as possible."
Another question: "In case the counties refuse to transfer their stock, what then?"
Mr. Lantz: "In that event the present enterprise will stop." This project was undertaken on the supposition that the two counties would transfer their stock. As showing this he read the vote of Brooke county to that effect. Also the vote of Ohio county which transfers conditionally, viz: if the road is put in running order.
Question: Will this new company be an entire new organization?
Answer: Some things had occurred in the administration of the old company which remained as an old sore—which we would like in a different shape. The new company propose to go to work on a different plan from that of the old one.
Question: In case of the completion of the road who will furnish the rolling stock?
Answer: The Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis Company. Agreement read with that company.
Question: What has been the estimated cost of getting the road ready for the rolling stock?
Answer: \$175,000. But my judgment is that \$200,000 will be necessary. An estimate has been made of \$1,000 per mile for repairs to the road-bed. The balance is for iron, switches, depots, &c.
As to when the money would be called for, Mr. Hubbard explained that the company hoped to get to work early in the spring—not later than the 1st of April—provided all the funds were raised by that time. The aim is to raise \$75,000 in Wheeling, Wellburg and along the line, and then to bond the road for \$125,000. Up to this time \$35,000 has been subscribed here.

West Virginia Legislature.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.
TUESDAY, December 7, 1875.
The House met at 10 o'clock. Mr. Speaker, Mr. J. B. Smith, presiding. On motion the further reading of the Journal was dispensed with.
Mr. F. M. Stewart offered a petition from citizens of Marion county asking the passage of a more stringent usury law. Laid on the table.
S. B. 172, in relation to the Weston & West Virginia Railroad Co., was received from the Senate.
Leave of absence for four days was granted Speaker Monroe, and the leave of absence granted to Clerk Peyton was further extended.
RESOLUTIONS.
By Mr. Reynolds, of Taylor: Limiting speeches to five minutes, and allowing no member to speak more than twice on the same subject.
By Mr. Campbell: Directing the Special Committee of Seven to inquire into the condition of the Merchants' Bank of Charleston. Adopted.
By Mr. George: Instructing the Impachment Managers to attend the sessions of the Senate and excuse them from further attendance of the House, which was adopted.
H. J. B. 35, providing for an extension of the session of the Legislature for fourteen days was adopted by a yeas and nays vote of 51 to 3.
Mr. Tanner offered a substitute for H. B. 122, regarding sales of property under order of court, which with the bill was recommitted to the Judiciary Committee.
H. B. 174, appropriating money for aid in building a bridge over Middle Island Creek in Tyler county.
H. B. 175, providing for the bringing of suits in the different counties.
H. B. 176, in relation to the incorporation of Store College.
H. B. 106, re-appropriating the representation among the counties of the different counties, was referred to the Judiciary Committee.
H. B. 101, appropriating money for a bridge over Indian Creek, was indefinitely postponed.
AFTERNOON SESSION.
House met at 2 o'clock.
The following House bills were ordered to a third reading:
H. B. 195, authorizing County Courts to receive and audit road claims.
H. B. 207, establishing a Court of criminal jurisdiction in the town of Gratton.
H. B. 220, providing for the protection of birds and game.
H. B. 157, appropriating \$1,000 for building a bridge over West Fork river between Randolph and Upshur counties.
H. B. 194, in relation to the property of married women, was indefinitely postponed.
Mr. Short offered petition of H. Hatfield and others, asking for the relief of the articles of H. T. Hatfield.
Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Hutchinson for one day on account of sickness.
The leave of absence granted to Mr. Peyton, Clerk of the House, was extended three days.
H. B. 209, relating to the collection of claims by Justices of the Peace, was indefinitely postponed.
H. B. 184, re-enacting Chapter 96 of the Code, was laid on the table.
H. B. 127, in relation to the Adjutant General's office, was amended and indefinitely postponed.
The substitute for H. B. 191, amending and re-enacting the school law, was laid on the table.
Pending the discussion of this bill a communication was received from the Senate announcing that by a two-thirds vote it had adopted House Joint Resolution 33, extending the session of the Legislature for fourteen days.
A communication from the Postmaster informed the House that documents and other papers were being mailed by its members contrary to the postal laws, and warning them that otherwise there would be proceedings against them.
After the reading of these communications the consideration of the School Bill was resumed and continued until the hour of adjournment.
IN SENATE.
Senate met at 10 o'clock A. M. and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Welch, a member of the House of Delegates.
H. J. B. 24, to pay certain criminal charges in capturing fugitives, was passed by a yeas and nays vote of 14 to 10.
H. J. B. 35, extending the present session of the Legislature for fourteen days, was received from the House and immediately taken up by the Senate.
Mr. Bennett moved to strike out fourteen days and insert eleven.
Pending this amendment the Senate resolved to adjourn until the following day.
Mr. James Morrow, Jr., appeared and read a communication from John S. Burdett, authorizing W. W. Arnett, Geo. O. Davenport and Mr. Morrow to appear for him.
Mr. Arnett then asked that Mr. Burdett be allowed until Saturday to prepare his answer to the 21 articles of impeachment. The Board of Managers reported that it had no objection to the time asked by the defendant, counsel but that should the House of Delegates adjourn on Thursday the impeachment would have to be dropped as it was the universal opinion that no replication could be made to the charges preferred against him by the House of Delegates.
The Court then went into session with closed doors to decide upon the time when the defendant should be required to answer, and continued in secret session until 12:00 o'clock, when it took a recess until 2:30 o'clock, P. M., at which hour it re-assembled.
The President of the Court informed the Board of Managers and counsel that the Court had refused to grant to the defendant to have until Saturday to make his answer, and that a motion by Mr. Sherrard was then pending before the Court to require him to answer on Wednesday.
The counsel for the defendant solemnly protested against so short a time, and stated that it would be a physical impossibility to prepare an answer by Wednesday.
Mr. Camden moved to amend the pending motion so as to allow counsel for the defendant until Saturday at 10 o'clock.
The amendment was adopted.
Those voting were: Messrs. Arnett, Bennett, Caldwell, Camden, Dennis, Dick, Eastman, Graham, Goff, Gaston, Price, Scott, Sherrard and Mr. President—9.
Mr. Sherrard's motion, as amended by the vote just passed by the same vote as the last.
On motion of Mr. Clayton, it was ordered that when the Court of Impeachment try John S. Burdett, it adjourn to meet on Saturday at 10 o'clock A. M.
Mr. Johnson offered a motion to adopt an order employing a stenographer to take down the proceedings of the Court of Impeachment.
On motion of Mr. Bennett, the Court of Impeachment to try J. S. Burdett adjourned until 10 o'clock Saturday.
The Senate then resumed its legislative session.
A communication was received from the House of Delegates informing the Senate that the House of Delegates had passed a resolution authorizing the Board of Man-

By Telegraph.

ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT.
TO THE DAILY INTELLIGENCER.
CONGRESS.
WASHINGTON, December 7.
SENATE.
The Senate was called to order at 12 M. After prayer by the Chaplain and reading of the journal of yesterday, Mr. Eaton spoke to the Clerk's desk and had read the credentials of James E. English, a belated United States Senator from Connecticut in place of O. S. Ferry, deceased, and the oath of office was administered to the new Senator.
The Clerk of the House appeared at the bar of the Senate with a message announcing the organization of the House and the appointment of a committee to join a committee of the Senate to wait upon the President.
At 12:15, on motion of Mr. Frelinghuysen, the Senate took a recess till 1 o'clock.
On re-assembling Mr. Anthony, from the joint committee to wait upon the President and inform him of the organization of the two Houses of Congress, reported that the President replied that he would communicate with Congress immediately in writing.
At 1:10 Mr. Luckey, private secretary to the President, appeared at the bar of the Senate with the message, and it was read by Mr. Gorham, Secretary of the Senate. The reading was concluded at 2:08, and was listened to with marked attention by the Senators and a large audience in the galleries. Sir Edward Thornton, the British Minister, was in the diplomatic gallery, and appeared to be much interested in the proceedings. The portion of the message in regard to the school question, taxation of church property, Cuba, our financial affairs and the condition of the navy especially attracted the closest attention.
On motion of Mr. Conkling the message was ordered to lay on the table and to be printed. He also offered the usual resolution to print extra copies. Referred to the Committee on Printing.
The President pro tem. laid before the Senate the reports of various Cabinet officers and that of the Comptroller of the Currency, which were ordered printed and to lay on the table.
Adjourned.
The Chicago and Northwestern Railroad.
CHICAGO, December 7.—A New York dispatch to the morning papers of this city saying that the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company is nearly insolvent and on the verge of bankruptcy, a reporter called on Mr. Keep, President of that road, to-day and obtained from him the statement that this assertion is believed to be an effort of the stock dealers who are short on the Northwestern to lower the value of the stock. The company has just paid its December bond interest, about \$700,000, without borrowing a dollar, and after making this payment has a very large balance in its treasury. In fact it has not been so easy financially, for years nor ever before, as it has been now. If the assertion of these rumors is a reflection of stock he has good reason for the anxiety manifested in the despatch. We will go back to November 1st and I will show you from the books what we have been able to remit to our treasurer in New York since that time all of which we have had to do in the sinking of the road. President Keep here showed that the amount sent since November 1st is \$950,000 and that that more will be sent immediately. Earnings for November show a gain over the corresponding month of last year of \$154,000.
Weather Report.
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8—1 A. M.
PROBABILITY.
For Wednesday for the South Atlantic and Gulf States, Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri Valleys, stationary or rising barometer, lower temperature, northwest to southwest winds, partly cloudy and clear weather.
For the Tennessee Ohio Valley and Lake region rising barometer, colder, northwest winds, cloudy and clearing weather, with occasional light rain or snow.
For the Middle Atlantic States, variable followed by westerly winds, falling barometer and rain, followed by rising barometer, cloudy weather and stationary or slightly lower temperature.
For New England and Northern New York, falling barometer, increasing northeast winds, warmer, cloudy weather, with rain or snow.
For the Canal Regions, temperature remains about freezing.
Cautionary signals are ordered for the Southern New England coast, Sandy Hook and Long Branch.
CHICAGO.
CHICAGO, December 7.—Major George H. Davis was unanimously chosen Colonel of the First Regiment Illinois State Guards to-night. Maj. Davis served honorably through the war with a New York regiment.
THE LAKE FLEET ALL IN.
The following vessels of the lower lake fleet, which have long been overdue, arrived today: Propeller Superior and Maine. Schooners Ida Keith, Laura, Ishpeming, Metropolis, Barka Hampshire, M. E. True, and Two Fannies. Five more are yet due, which it is believed will be the last arrivals of the season.
Crooked Whisky Suits.
St. Louis, December 7.—In the United States District Court to-day Colonel D. N. Munn, Supervisor of Internal Revenue for Illinois and other States, appeared to answer an indictment found against him for complicity in the whisky frauds. Colonel Munn asked for further time to consult his attorney before making his plea, which was granted. The District Attorney making no objection, Colonel Munn being under \$10,000 bond to answer in the United States Court at Springfield, Ill., no additional bond was required here. No time was set for the trial.
WASHINGTON ITEMS.
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 7.—There will be no changes of importance in the Senate committees.
John Q. Smith, ex-member of Congress from Ohio, was to-day appointed Commissioner of Indian Affairs.
General Babcock left to-day for Chicago, to appear before the Court of Inquiry detailed to investigate the charges against him.
Indicting Magistrates.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., December 7.—The grand jury to-day indicted several magistrates of that city for malfeasance in office in voting themselves \$5 per day instead of \$3, as required by law.
Marine Intelligence.
NEW YORK, December 7.—Arrived—Steamer Prussia from Hamburg.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK MONEY AND STOCKS.
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GOLD—Opened at 114½ and closed at 114½. All the sales of the day were at these figures. Carrying rates 1½ and 3 per cent. Loans were also made flat.
GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady.
United States 6s 1861, coupon.....129½
Five-Twenties (1862) new.....129½
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Five-Twenties (1941) new.....129½
Five-Twenties (1943) new.....129½
Five-Twenties (1945) new.....129½
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Five-Twenties (1959) new.....129½
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